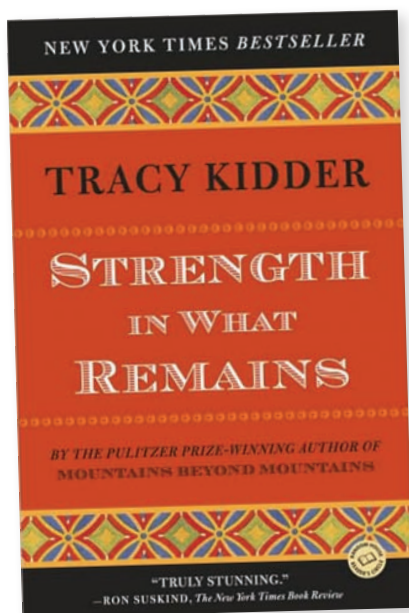




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## reading together

What if the entire community read and discussed the same book at the same time? To find out, join thousands of people throughout Kalamazoo County in reading Tracy Kidder's *Strength in What Remains*, the book selected for Reading Together's ninth year. Kidder will visit Kalamazoo on March 10, 2011.

In this dramatic page-turner, Kidder tells the inspiring story of Deogratias, who grew up in the mountains of Burundi, survived civil war and genocide before seeking a new life in America. Deo's story really begins with his will to turn his life into something truly remarkable; he returns to his native country to build a clinic and public

health system. *The Seattle Times*: "Deo's resilience, his struggle to overcome adversity strikes a chord in all of us. [He] reaffirms our hope that one person can make a difference..."

Photo credit: Gabriel Amadeus Cooney



Literary journalist Tracy Kidder has won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and many other literary prizes. With deep empathy for his subjects and extraordinary talent as a storyteller, Kidder has written best-selling, creative nonfiction on such diverse subjects as life in an elementary school, the construction of a house, and the evolution of a town. Dr. Paul Farmer, whose pioneering medical service in Haiti Kidder explored in *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, led him to Deogratias.

Kalamazoo Public Library leads Reading Together, a collaboration of libraries, schools, social service agencies, governments, businesses, the media, and a wide variety of organizations throughout Kalamazoo County. [www.readingtogether.us](http://www.readingtogether.us)

## now pick 20

The books you want...before you know you want them!

Book My Favorites, the library's automatic reserve service, now lets you select 20 popular fiction authors from the newly revised and expanded list of 208 names!

We added 55+ bestselling authors to the list, from such diverse favorites as C.J. Box and Stephen Frey to Luanne Rice and Lauren Weisberger.

If one of your authors releases a new title, we automatically reserve it for you—no need to come in or call.

Fill out an application today at [www.kpl.gov/book-my-favorites](http://www.kpl.gov/book-my-favorites) or your neighborhood library.



## book club soiree

October 26, 6 pm, Central

Do you like to talk about the books you're reading? Do you enjoy learning that the book you've been raving about was another reader's favorite, too? Then come to a casual social event just for booklovers! Local literary lights Donna Odom and Beth Amidon will review great books they've read this year, then we'll gather in small groups to share our recent reads. You'll leave with a list of titles to keep you busy over the long, cold winter. We'll even preview the 2011 Reading Together title! Both single readers and book clubs welcome.

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# autumn events

## books & more



### Banned Books Week Art Hop & Readout

October 1, Reception, 5-8 pm;  
Readout, 6-7:30 pm, Central

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees your right to decide for yourself what you read, listen to, or view. Banned Books Week,

observed the last week of September since 1982, reminds Americans not to take this precious right for granted. Celebrate your intellectual freedom with the American Civil Liberties Union and Kalamazoo Public Library!

### Art Contest

Artists are invited to create original art inspired by one of the following five frequently challenged books for a contest cosponsored by the ACLU and KPL. Entries will be displayed at the October 1 Art Hop Reception.

Contest open to both adult and student (grades 7-12) artists. Two cash prizes will be awarded: \$500 to the adult winner and \$150 to the student winner. Entries due September 29. Learn more at [www.kpl.gov/art-contest](http://www.kpl.gov/art-contest).

*Uncle Bobby's Wedding* by Sarah S. Brannen

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*  
by Stephen Chbosky

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer

*TTYL* by Lauren Myracle

### Readout

Hear local personalities read from the challenged books. Refreshments. Door prizes!

### Poetry Reading: Denise Miller September 16, 7 pm, Central

Artist, poet, and activist Denise Miller cofounded the Fire Historical and Cultural Arts Collabora-



tive, featuring visual art, spoken word, music, and much more. Miller teaches English and Transitional Studies at KVCC. She will read from *Speak Easy*, her new poetry collection.

### Author Visit: Wade Rouse September 29, 7 pm, Central

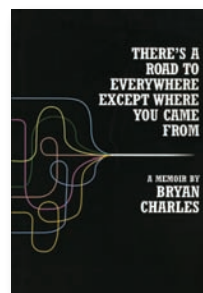
In his latest book, *At Least in the City Someone Would Hear Me Scream*, Wade Rouse tells what



happens when a city boy moves to the country. The Today Show proclaimed Rouse's memoir "Laugh-out-loud-funny!" and added it to their Summer Must-Read list.

### Author Visit: Bryan Charles November 3, 7 pm, Central

In his spare, honest, and often hilarious new memoir, *There's a Road to Everywhere Except*



*Where You Came From*, Kalamazoo area native Bryan Charles shares his struggles to carve out a life as a writer, and to find meaning, or at least a job, in the new and alien landscape of New York City.

## concerts

Arrive early to ensure your seat. Kalamazoo Public Library concerts fill the house!

### Funktion

**September 15, 7 pm, Central**

Funktion delivers its dare-you-not-to-dance blend of funk and soul with a hip-hop beat that isn't afraid to straddle genres—including blues, rock, and jazz. "Smooth as silk and funky as it gets," according to *The Grand Rapids Press*.



### Drew Nelson

**October 20, 7 pm, Central**

Singer/songwriter/storyteller Drew Nelson's love for nature and the simpler things in life shines through his music. His recent CD, *Dusty Road to Beulah Land*, won Album of the Year and Song of the Year for "Waiting for the Sun" at the 2010 Jammie Awards.



### Who Hit John?

**November 17, 7 pm, Central**

Drawn by a love for acoustic music, Who Hit John? performs their energetic, old-time sound in bars, street corners, concert halls—anywhere they can get folks stompin', singin' and clappin'. This group of misfits and prophets plans to take the world by storm, one song at a time.

## movies & music

KPL patrons borrowed 1,132,842 items from the library in the last 12 months. More than one third of the total (420,266) was movies, music, audiobooks, and other AV items—45% more than the previous year!

To better meet patron interests and requests, KPL has almost doubled spending on movies and music. The movie collection features hundreds of National Film Registry films and Criterion Collection selections, several years of Kalamazoo Film Society picks, and more than 600 foreign films, plus many more popular and new releases.

The music collection now includes more classical music and local groups/performers, especially those featured at KPL's free monthly concert series, now celebrating more than two very successful years!

Check KPL's staff picks at [www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov) for book, movie, and music recommendations.



## book groups

Discuss classics, best-sellers, and little-known gems.

### Classics Revisited

Third Thursday  
Central, 7 pm

*Swann's Way*  
by Marcel Proust  
September 16

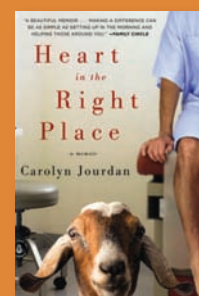
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass*  
by Lewis Carroll  
October 21

*The Power and the Glory*  
by Graham Greene  
November 18

### New Book Group

**September 8, 6 pm, Central**

Love to talk about books with other readers? Join the first meeting of



a new group! We'll discuss organization, enjoy treats, and talk about *Heart in the Right Place* by Carolyn Jourdan. To

register call 568-8004 or email [happycatkim@yahoo.com](mailto:happycatkim@yahoo.com).



# @ your library

## ancestor search

Seeking an obituary from a local newspaper? KPL owns microfilm of the *Kalamazoo Gazette* from 1834, except for the Civil War years, and has indexed the *Gazette* since 1972. Obituary citations are listed online from 1834-1892 and 1937-2010; more records may be found in the Local History Room. Come visit!



Trying to find an old cemetery, burial ground or gravesite? Visit [www.kpl.gov/cemeteries](http://www.kpl.gov/cemeteries). KPL's new webpage features township maps with all known cemetery locations, linking to separate pages with photos, sources of records, and websites.

Know of a burial ground or columbarium not on the list? Contact the Local History Room.

## genealogy

### **Genealogy Lock-In**

**October 15, 6-10 pm, Central**

After-hours event just for genealogists. Explore databases and Kalamazoo County vital records, learn how to use the microfilm reader/scanner/printer, save images to CD or flash drive—or just take advantage of free copying and printing. Free parking in the library lot. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning September 14.

### **Intro to Genealogy**

**November 5, 1:30-3:30 pm, Central**

Start compiling your family tree at this workshop in the library's computer lab. Learn how to search Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and KPL's own index to local newspapers featuring vital statistics back to 1834. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning October 19.

## law library

### **Ask a Lawyer**

**September 9, November 11, 6-8 pm, Central**

**September 10, October 8, November 12, 11:30 am-1 pm, Central**

**October 5, 6-8 pm, Powell**

Free legal clinic for low to moderate income persons offered by County Bar Association volunteer lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, civil litigation issues, employment concerns, divorce and family law. Call 553-7920 to schedule a 20-minute appointment. Only one appointment available every four months.



## food & gardens

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### **Root Cellaring Your Veggies**

**October 12, 7 pm, Central**

The root cellar is an old fashioned idea that's seeing renewed popularity. John Bierenbaum, Michigan State University professor of the horticultural sciences, will explain the basics of building your own underground storage system to preserve fruits and veggies for later enjoyment.

### **Curds and Whey: Making Cheese at Home**

**October 21, 6:30 pm**

Add some culture to your kitchen. Artisan cheesemaker Gary Colles has been making cheese and teaching others how for more than 10 years. Watch as he demonstrates simple recipes that you can make in your own kitchen with a few readily available cheese-making supplies. Admission by numbered ticket only. Tickets available at Van Deusen Room door beginning at 5:45 pm; one ticket per person.

# tween/teen

Autumn 2010  
September through November



## art attack

### After School

September 9, October 14, November 11,  
4-5 pm, Eastwood

Drop in downstairs after school. Each month will feature an Art Attack project, games, food and fun! **Tweens only.**

### Filmmaking 101 <sup>®</sup>

September 30, October 7, 6-8 pm, Central  
Brush up on your filmmaking skills with KPL and the Public Media Network. Instructors will cover the basics of camerawork and digital editing in this two-part class. No experience necessary. Registration required, limit 15. **Teens only.**

### Halloween

October 30, 2-4 pm, Central

Let your imagination go wild and carve a pumpkin with style. We supply the pumpkins and tools, all you need is an idea.

### Cartooning with Kenjji

October 21, 4-5 pm,  
Eastwood

Local comics master Kenjji Jumanne-Marshall demonstrates tips and techniques to take your cartooning to the next level. No experience required.

### Pocket Purses <sup>®</sup>

November 16, 5-6 pm, Powell  
November 20, 2-3 pm, Oshtemo

Turn old jeans into Pocket Purses. Snip, glue, decorate and leave with a new purse that is just your style. We supply all the materials, you supply the creativity. **Tweens only.**



## teen read week: books with beat



### Read-a-Thon

October 23, 10 am-4 pm, Central

Celebrate Teen Read Week by reading for the fun of it and for the philanthropy of it. Teen Services will host a six hour Read-a-Thon to benefit Kalamazoo Area Loaves and Fishes. Bring your favorite book and have a professional photo taken for your very own READ poster. Pick up a registration form at the Teen Desk, gather pledges of non perishable food items and read all day. Donations must be turned in by November 5. Snacks, prizes, game breaks, and lunch provided.

**<sup>®</sup> = Registration required;**  
sign up in advance online at:  
[www.kpl.gov/teens](http://www.kpl.gov/teens). All  
programs for grades 5-12,  
unless noted. Teen-only events  
are for teens in grades 7-12.  
Tween-only events are for  
tweens in grades 5-8.  
Questions? Call Teen  
Services 553-7807.



## Galley Review Group

September 2, October 7, November 4, 4-5 pm, Central

See the latest batch of teen books before they are published! Publishers want YOUR feedback. Be among the first to read and review new books. Get tips on how to write good reviews. Food! **Teens only.**

## T.A.B.

September 1, October 6, November 3, 3:30-5 pm, Central

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) members help Teen Services staff plan and promote great programs, work on community service projects, discuss books, movies, music and web sites, have snacks, play games, and just have fun! Membership looks great on resumes, job and college applications. **Teens only.**



# 1up

## Gamers' Arena

September 4, 2-4 pm, Central

Join the Western Michigan Gamers' Guild for an afternoon of strategy, skill and fun. Gamers of all levels are welcome. Choose from one of our many board, card, role-playing or video games, or bring one of your own.

## Games @ Powell

September 8, October 13, and November 10, 6-7:30 pm, Powell

Join us for games, music, prizes and snacks on the second Wednesday of the month. We'll Wii, video game, and snack our way through the evening. Registration required. **Tweens & teens.**

## SmashKart Tournament

October 9, 2-4 pm, Central

Get your game on in our most popular Wii tournament. Race against your friends in Mario Kart, or pound away at your enemies in Super Smash Bros. Brawl! **Teens only.**

## ALA National Gaming Day

November 13, 2-4 pm, Central

Celebrate National Gaming Day with hours of non-stop game fun. Compete in special tournaments for prizes. We'll have all KPL console systems available as well as our huge selection of board and card games. Snacks provided. **Teens only.**

# j-pop

## J-Pop Club

September 27, October 25, November 22, 3:30-5 pm, Central

Anime, sushi, and Pocky! Enjoy the latest media (and food) straight from Japan. **Teens only.**

## Origami

September 13, 4-5 pm, Central

Try your hand at origami, the Japanese art of folding paper into beautiful creations. No experience necessary. **Teens only.**



## Calligraphy

October 11, 4-5 pm, Central

The art of calligraphy goes back to the 28th century BCE. Shodo is the Japanese version of calligraphy, using ink and brush. Participants will learn to write their names in this lovely, precise art form. **Teens only.**

# filmmaker call for entires

The 8th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival is coming soon, and we're looking for entries. Now's your chance to screen your film at Southwest Michigan's greatest showcase for teen-produced movies. Films must be produced by teens aged 13-18 who live in the state of Michigan. The deadline for submitting your entry is Saturday, January 22, 2011. For more information go to [www.kpl.gov/teens/filmmakerfest](http://www.kpl.gov/teens/filmmakerfest).

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Teen Services  
315 S Rose St  
553-7807

Eastwood  
1112 Gayle Ave  
553-7810

Oshtemo  
7265 W Main St  
553-7980

Alma Powell  
1000 W Paterson St  
553-7960

Washington Square  
1244 Portage St  
553-7970

# literacy volunteers

## tutors needed

The Kalamazoo Literacy Council is seeking patient, caring adults willing to help another adult learn to read. Tutors work with one adult learner two hours a week, for at least one year.

The Council trains tutors in the internationally recognized Laubach Way to Reading, designed for volunteers working with adults. All materials needed are provided to tutors and learners.



### Training Session

**September 11 and 18, 9:30 am-4:30 pm**

Training takes place over two Saturdays, for a total of 12 hours. For more information or to volunteer, call KPL's Literacy Office, 553-7803.

## sponsor a team

Join the fun at the tenth Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee! Sponsor a team of spellers and cheerleaders at this wild and wacky event. Many sponsorship opportunities available. Call 553-7803.



*Stryker Team, 2009*

### Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee

**November 18, 6-9 pm**

KPL leads Ready to Read, a community collaboration that encourages parents to read aloud to children, beginning at birth. By sharing the joy of

reading, parents help prepare their children to learn to read and for future success in school.

The Bee raises funds to buy gift books for children. Last year, Ready to Read gave almost 20,000 storybooks to children in Kalamazoo County. To learn more and see Bee photos and video, visit [www.kpl.gov/ready-to-read](http://www.kpl.gov/ready-to-read).

# friends

## bag sale

**Saturday, September 11, 9 am to 3:30 pm,  
Central, Van Deusen Room**

Back by popular demand! Books for 10¢ each or \$2 a bag full. This bag sale features many large-print volumes, plus the usual fiction, mystery, romance, children's books, and non-fiction. Books will be sorted onto tables by category.



## holiday shopping

**Starts Friday, November 26, 10 am**

How would you like to buy a \$16.99 gift for just \$2.00, such as this children's hardcover book, *The Trouble With Trolls* by Jan Brett. Better yet, how about a \$16.99 book for only \$1.00, like *Blood Promise*, the *New York Times* best-selling *Vampire Academy* series by Richelle Mead.

Shop the Friends Bookstore's Gift Book Sale for these and many similar values, beginning the day after Thanksgiving. The Friends save books all year for this highly anticipated event. All sale merchandise is in perfect condition.

At these prices, you may even pick up a few titles for yourself! Check out Deanna House's cookbook, *Even More House Specials*, \$6.00; *Natural Gardening for Birds: Simple Ways to Create a Bird Haven*, \$3.50; Thoreau's *Wild Fruits*, \$2.50; or *The Presidential Dollars Coin Collecting Kit*, \$1.00.

## member perk

Friends members get first pick of the bargains at the members-only sale on Tuesday, November 23, before the Gift Book Sale opens to the public.

## membership application

|                                     |      |                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student    | \$5  | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter  | \$25  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron     | \$50  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family     | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$100 |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*List all included on membership.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if OK to send Friends notices via email.

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# director's note

## meeting budget challenges



KPL's Board of Trustees voted to accept my recommendation to reduce service hours at all four branch libraries and the Law Library at their July meeting. We based the recommended changes

on a review of circulation statistics, computer use, and staff observation. The new open hours reflect the busiest times at each branch location.

Beginning September 1, the Law Library will close Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday evenings for a decrease of 12 hours. Branch libraries will reduce some evening and Saturday hours, making their schedules very similar, for a total of five to six fewer hours each per week. Branch changes take effect on December 1.

Ironically, these reductions put us among very good company—many urban libraries are facing severe funding crises, forcing

them to cut services and materials budgets, to lay off staff, to reduce hours or close branches, even as library use grows across the country. The list includes public libraries in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, Philadelphia, and many, many more.

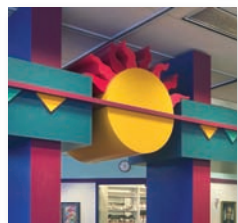


Kalamazoo Public Library receives 92.5% of its revenue from library district property taxes. The library's revenue has decreased almost \$900,000, about 7% of the annual budget since 2008. Experts estimate that property tax values, especially commercial property values, will continue to drop state-wide and in Kalamazoo.

To meet these budget challenges, the library has eliminated the bookmobile, reduced budgets in many areas, reduced salaried staff by 9 FTEs and significantly cut hourly staff, and begun a strategic planning process to



better determine what services are most needed and valued in the community. More about that in the next issue of *Link*.



With staff reductions, KPL can no longer effectively cover all current open hours in all locations. We're grateful these modest reductions

in open hours aren't as drastic as those many other libraries have been forced to make.

*Ann Rohrbaugh*

Ann Rohrbaugh, Library Director

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315 S Rose St, 49007  
342-9837

### Friends of the Library Bookstore

315 S Rose St, 49007  
553-7820

### Eastwood

1112 Gayle Ave, 49048  
553-7810

### Oshtemo

7265 W Main St, 49009  
553-7980

### Alma Powell

1000 W Paterson St, 49007  
553-7960

### Washington Square

1244 Portage St, 49001  
553-7970

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# Autumn Fun

## Owls in the Library <sup>N</sup>

September 28, 6:30 pm, Eastwood

Explore the world of these flying hunters with educator Karen Wilson and real, live owls from the Kalamazoo Nature Center. Interactive program for all ages.

## Dunuya Drum and Dance <sup>N</sup>

October 2, 2:30 pm, Central

Enjoy music and dance of West Africa and the Diaspora (including Cuba, the Caribbean, North Africa, and Brazil). Dunuya encourages audience interaction through singing, dancing, or playing instruments. All ages, family.

## Meet Nic Bishop

October 4, 7 pm, Central

Award winning photographer and writer Nic Bishop discusses his brand new book, *Lizards!* Family event.

## LEGO @ the Library <sup>R</sup>

October 9, 10 am, Central

November 6, 10 am, Central

Like LEGOs? Join other kids who love the ever-popular plastic bricks at KPL's first LEGO club! Register in advance for EACH session. 5-10 years.

## Kevin Devine's Musical Circus <sup>N</sup>

October 14, 6:30 pm, Oshtemo

Family entertainer, songwriter, and recording artist Kevin Devine presents Harvest Happening, an evening of rollicking, sing-along fun! Kevin plays a cavalcade of instruments, leads call-and-response songs, and encourages dancing. All ages, family.

## Music and Make Believe (M&Ms) <sup>R</sup>

October 19 & 20, 9:30 & 10:30 am, Central

October 21, 10:30 am, Washington Square

Explore the book *The Maestro Plays* along with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet. Program for children ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Groups welcome. Registration required. Call the participating library to register.

## Sweet and Spooky <sup>N</sup>

October 19, 6:30 pm, Oshtemo

Create a creepy candy house to frighten friends and family. Halloween gingerbread houses. Grades 2-6.

## Boo Brothers with Pippin Puppets <sup>N</sup>

October 25, 6:30 pm, Central

Crazy creatures, cute creepies, and hilarious Halloween hijinks hosted by the Boo Brothers! Enjoy music, magic, and merriment with Pippin Puppets. Family.

## Make It Take It Halloween Crafts

October 26 & 27, 10 am to 5 pm, Eastwood

Drop in to create your own one-of-a-kind craft projects. Family.

## Edible Crafts

October 27, 6 pm, Powell

Let's make some spooky edible crafts. We'll use cookies, cupcakes, and candy!

## Pumpkin Parade <sup>R</sup>

October 27, 6:30 pm, Washington Square

Celebrate pumpkins! We'll share stories, a craft, and a snack all with a focus on the big orange gourd. Best enjoyed by families and children 3 years and older.

## Movie and Popcorn

*How to Train Your Dragon*, November 26, 2 pm, Powell

Enjoy a good movie and yummy popcorn!

# Storytimes

Storytimes for children from birth to 5 years! Librarians consider children's developmental stages when planning stories, fingerplays, and craft activities. Some programs require registration. An adult caregiver must accompany children. Questions? Talk to your children's librarian.

## Baby Lapsit, birth-walking <sup>N</sup>

15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books followed by a chance to talk and bond with other caregivers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Mondays, 9:30 am, Central

September 13, 20, 27

Fridays, 10:15 am, Washington Square

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Thursdays, 10:15 am, Oshtemo

November 11, 18

## Baby Steps, walking-2 years <sup>R</sup>

15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books that give your little one a chance to try the newly learned skills of walking, clapping, jumping, and dancing. Siblings may attend as guests.

Mondays, 10:30 am, Central

September 13, 20, 27

Fridays, 11 am, Washington Square

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Thursdays, 11 am, Oshtemo

November 11, 18

## Toddler Storytime, 2-3½ years <sup>R</sup>

Toddlers and caregivers will enjoy this lap-sit stories, songs, and a simple craft. Siblings may attend as guests.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Eastwood

September 8, 15, 22, 29

Mondays, 10 am & 11 am, Central *New! Two Sessions!*

October 4, 11, 18, 25

Fridays, 10:30 am, Washington Square

November 12, 19

## Preschool Storytime, 3½-5 years <sup>R</sup>

Storytime for preschoolers includes stories, crafts, fingerplays, and other fun activities. Siblings may attend as guests.

Thursdays, 10:30 am, Oshtemo

September 9, 16, 23, 30

Thursdays, 10:30 am, Eastwood

October 7, 14, 21

Mondays, 10 am, Central

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

## Family Storytime

Storytime for the whole family! If storytime is at noon, feel free to bring a lunch.

Fridays, 10:30 am, Washington Square

September 10, 17, 24

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon, Powell

September 14, 21, 28

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon, Powell

October 5, 12, 19, 26

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Oshtemo

October 6, 13, 20, 27

Tuesdays, 12:00 noon, Powell

November 2, 9, 16, 23

Wednesdays, 10 am, Eastwood

November 3, 10, 17

## Baby Storytime, birth-2 years

Circle time with plenty of movement for caregivers and baby. 15-30 minutes of songs, rhymes, books and more! Older siblings may attend with caregivers to learn songs and rhymes to share with their dolls and stuffed animals.

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Central

September 8 – October 13

## Singalong Storytime

Storytime fun for the whole family. Your favorite sing-along songs, puppets, and fun! All ages!

All held in the Van Deusen, Central

Thursday, September 23, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 pm

# kids



## Cynthia Leitich Smith

November 4, 7 pm, Central

Author Cynthia Leitich Smith says her “absolutely favorite achievement” was winning a reading contest at age 7. As a kid she spent lots of time reading books, especially library books. Some of her favorites are *Bridge to Terabithia*, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, and *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*.

## Crossing Borders

33rd Annual Mary Calletto Rife Youth Literature Seminar

November 5, 9 am-4 pm, Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University

This year's seminar will focus on youth literature that helps readers understand, appreciate, and relate to others in their diverse communities, despite a wide variety of differences and borders, from racial to cultural to economic and more. Registration required; \$40 fee includes lunch. Call 553-7804 or register online, [www.kpl.gov/youth-lit-seminar](http://www.kpl.gov/youth-lit-seminar).

Featured speaker Cynthia Leitich Smith, a tribal member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, will discuss how she's handled diversity themes in both her realistic and fantasy fiction. Examples include the interracial cast in *Jingle Dancer*, the urban/tribal experiences of Ray and Grampa Halfmoon in *Indian Shoes*, and the intertribal and biracial emphasis in *Rain Is Not My Indian Name*.



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## Locations

Central Library

Children's Room

315 S Rose St

553-7804

Alma Powell

1000 W Paterson St

553-7960

Eastwood

1112 Gayle Ave

553-7810

Oshtemo

7265 W Main St

553-7984

Washington Square

1244 Portage St

553-7970



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| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>Preschool Storytime</b><br>10 am, CEN, 3½-5 yrs  | <b>2</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>12 noon, POW, family   | <b>3</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>10 am, EAS, family  | <b>4</b><br><b>Meet the Author</b><br>Cynthia Leitich Smith<br>7 pm, CEN  | <b>5</b><br><b>Crossing Borders</b><br>9 am - 4 pm,<br>WMU, Fetzer Center<br><i>Registration begins at 8 am</i> | <b>6</b><br><b>LEGO @ the Library</b><br>10 am, CEN, 5-10 yrs   |
| <b>7</b><br><b>Preschool Storytime</b><br>10 am, CEN, 3½-5 yrs  | <b>8</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>12 noon, POW, family<br><b>Singalong Storytime</b><br>6:30 pm, CEN, family | <b>9</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>10 am, EAS, family  | <b>10</b><br><b>Baby Lapsit</b><br>10:15 am, OSH, birth-walking<br><b>Baby Steps</b><br>11 am, OSH, walking-2 yrs | <b>11</b><br><b>Toddler Storytime</b><br>10:30 am, WSQ, 2-3½ yrs  | <b>12</b><br><b>Preschool Storytime</b><br>10 am, CEN, 3½-5 yrs |
| <b>13</b><br><b>Preschool Storytime</b><br>10 am, CEN, 3½-5 yrs | <b>14</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>12 noon, POW, family  | <b>15</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>10 am, EAS, family | <b>16</b><br><b>Baby Lapsit</b><br>10:15 am, OSH, birth-walking<br><b>Baby Steps</b><br>11 am, OSH, walking-2 yrs | <b>17</b><br><b>Toddler Storytime</b><br>10:30 am, WSQ, 2-3½ yrs  | <b>18</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>12 noon, POW, family    |
| <b>19</b><br><b>Preschool Storytime</b><br>10 am, CEN, 3½-5 yrs | <b>20</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>12 noon, POW, family  | <b>21</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>10 am, EAS, family | <b>22</b><br><b>Thanksgiving</b><br>Library Closed  | <b>23</b><br><b>Movie &amp; Popcorn</b><br><i>How to Train Your Dragon</i><br>2 pm, POW, family                 | <b>24</b><br><b>Preschool Storytime</b><br>10 am, CEN, 3½-5 yrs |
| <b>25</b><br><b>Preschool Storytime</b><br>10 am, CEN, 3½-5 yrs | <b>26</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>12 noon, POW, family  | <b>27</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>10 am, EAS, family | <b>28</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>10 am, EAS, family  | <b>29</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>10 am, EAS, family  | <b>30</b><br><b>Family Storytime</b><br>10 am, EAS, family      |

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